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GCS Also Ran

Philadelphia Firm Is High Bidder For Commercial Center, Says PHA

High bidder for the commercial properties of Greenbelt was Gilbert Realty, Inc., of Philadelphia, it was announced Monday by Public Housing Administration.

Midway between the high bid of \$444,444 and the low bid of \$222,222 was Greenbelt Consumer Services' bid of \$336,000. The GCS bid was submitted through a subsidiary set up for the purpose of acquiring the properties.

There were a number of bids on separate parcels, but as the overall bids were higher than the parcel bids it is expected that the commercial properties will be sold as an over-all package.

"We are sorry we were not the successful bidder," Robert Morrow, controller of GCS, told the Co-operator. "However, we entered the maximum bid which we felt we could justify."

"As you know, GCS owns the land under and adjacent to the supermarket building, and we are prepared, if it becomes necessary, to add to that building to make room for a pharmacy, variety store, and most of the other stores we presently operate here in Greenbelt."

"We are looking forward to working with the new landlord. Our present leases run for another two years, until October 31, 1956. We will be happy to continue to lease the present property, provided the new owner is willing to modernize the facilities. However, if we cannot reach mutual agreement, we will prepare to move into our own building."

A bid of \$8,000 for parcel 1, the parking area and vacant land on the school side of the center, was submitted by Allen D. Morrison of Greenbelt. Thomas B. Ricker, a former general manager of GCS, submitted a bid of \$62,500 for parcel 3, which includes the service station, garage and fire department building.

With the completion of the sale of the center to be announced next week, according to PHA, the Government will no longer hold title to any land in Greenbelt.

Junior Hi Goblins "Trick or Treat" To Benefit UNICEF

Friday night from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Junior High Goblins of Greenbelt Community Church, directed by Counselors Ann Braund and Lloyd Moore, will be crying "Trick or Treat."

But the "Treats" will be for the world's underprivileged children through UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).

Each young person will be wearing an orange UNICEF Arm Band and carrying a carton to collect coins which will be used to "treat" the needy children in some eighty countries throughout the world. 10c will provide six glasses of milk for a child in Korea, or provide a child in India with 10 bowls of rice. For 15c, UNICEF can supply enough penicillin to cure a child of yaws, crippling tropical disease. Through this intergovernmental organization the usually high infant mortality rate is being sharply reduced; dread and deforming tropical diseases are arrested and cured by penicillin; malaria is being eliminated through use of DDT; preventative T.B. injections are being given to millions of potential victims; milk is being tested for the first time.

The boys and girls will meet back at the Fellowship Center, Community Church at 9 p.m. to count their coins and enjoy a Halloween Party.

Teen Vandalism Cited At Citizens Meeting

Juvenile vandalism in Greenbelt was the subject under discussion last Monday night, October 25, at the regular monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association in the Center School.

The topic arose when Prudencio Martinez, Jr., 9-E Research, asked the organization for assistance in finding facilities and space for a series of "do-it-yourself" scientific projects he has organized for Greenbelt youths. At first, he conducted the sessions in a room of his home but later, when the group increased, he received permission from the Methodist Church to use the old chapel on Woodland Way.

Complaints from families residing near the chapel about the loud noise and improper language, as well as actual destruction of church property, led officials of the church to decide, at a meeting earlier the same evening, that these facilities should no longer be made available to Martinez and his group.

Martinez declared that the original group of boys had nothing to do with the vandalism and disturbance to the neighborhood but that troublemakers, both boys and girls, were responsible for the situation. After lengthy discussion, the matter was referred to the GCA Youth Center Committee, headed by Beverly Fonda.

At the beginning of the meeting, George Reeves, 2-C Eastway, was elected vice-president of GCA to succeed Mrs. Eleanor Carr.

GCA will sponsor a Children's Movie Matinee at the Greenbelt Theater on Wednesday, December 1, 1954. Teachers will attend a state conference and all schools will close that afternoon. The program of films will be announced shortly.

The meeting also heard of progress being made on the GCA-coordinated Community Festival for Teachers, to be held in Center School auditorium Sunday afternoon, November 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. Teachers from all Greenbelt schools including St. Hugh's, Junior High, and the new High Point High School, will be honored. More than twenty Greenbelt organizations have already signified that they will cooperate in making the reception a success. The annual affair formerly was sponsored by the Community Church. This year, GCA will coordinate the event, assisted by the churches, the PTA's and a score of additional Greenbelt groups.

Local 90 Acre Tract Rezoned For Industry

Reclassification for light-industrial use of a 90-acre residential tract in Greenbelt near the B. & O. Railroad and Greenbelt Junior High School was recently ordered by the County Commissioners.

The zoning change carried by 3-to-2 vote, with Edward J. Waters and Mrs. H. Wilson Spicknall dissenting.

The property in question is owned by Harry A. Boswell, Jr., Harry A. Boswell, Sr., Alfred H. Smith and Philip Lustine.

What Goes On ?

Friday, October 29 - Junior and Senior High Halloween Dance at Center School gym, 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 30 - Children's Halloween party at Center School gym from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Junior and Senior High Halloween Dance at gym, 8 p.m. to 11:30.

Monday, November 1 - City Council meeting in office over Variety Store at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2 - Election Day. VOTE 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Center School.

Wednesday, November 3 - North End School PTA square dancing classes at 8 p.m. (\$3 per couple for entire course.)

Thursday, November 4 - American Legion Post No. 136 drill team at Post Home from 7 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 6 - Duplicate Bridge Club in Home Economics Room of Center School at 8:30 p.m.

Bank To Close Nov. 2

The management of Suburban Trust Company, Silver Spring and Hyattsville, Maryland, has announced that all offices of that institution will not be open for the transaction of business on Tuesday, November 2, 1954, in observance of Election Day, a legal holiday in the State of Maryland.

First Expressway Accident Near Here

Last Sunday evening at about 8:30 p.m. the first accident took place on the new parkway near Greenbelt. Greenbelt Police officer Austin R. Green, first on the scene, called out the rescue squad to minister to four injured Marines. Three others were hurt.

The car, headed north toward Baltimore, had a blowout, went out of control and turned over several times. Surprisingly, no one was seriously injured, although the four Marines were treated at the Prince Georges General Hospital.

"This accident shows how dangerous it can be to have a blowout," said officer Green, "especially when speeding."

Center School PTA To Attend Classes

The Center School Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday evening, November 9, in a back-to-school session for the parents who will report directly to their children's home rooms at 8:30 p.m.

The teachers will hold the floor for the hour's session; each in his room will explain to the assembled parents this year's goals set for the class and the means and methods which will be used to reach them. Following the lecture, each teacher will hold a discussion period.

Parents with questions on general educational practices or on particular phases of the school's program which they wish to have covered in the teacher's presentation may submit them in advance to Morris Solomon, Chairman of the Program Committee, GR. 3-7581.

At 9:30 a.m. a bell will call the members of the association to assemble in the auditorium for a short summation of the evening's program, a business meeting, and refreshments.

The meeting was scheduled to take place in Education Week and is a part of the celebration of that event by the Center School.

Greenbelt Realty - GVHC Friction Revealed At Friday Board Meeting

By Bernard Krug

Smoldering friction between GVHC and the Greenbelt Realty Company came out in the open last Friday night, October 22, at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

The realty company is operated by Abe Chasanow, who also serves GVHC as general counsel. Ralph Webster, board president, told the meeting that a prospective home-buyer recently told a member of the GVHC office staff that Greenbelt Realty warned him that he would get "a rough time" at GVHC. Chasanow challenged this statement as "hearsay," but Webster, nevertheless, repeated his faith in the reliability of the information and expressed his mounting concern over the entire situation.

Chasanow, on his part, cited the expense his company has incurred in preparing all-inclusive check lists to make sure that all details of home-selling transactions are accurately recorded. He added that his firm now has no control over, nor information on, contract signings and other legal aspects of transferring ownership.

Webster was joined by Manager Paul Campbell in declaring that all transactions are the prime responsibility of GVHC and that Greenbelt Realty's only role is to bring buyer and seller together.

After a short discussion by the board, it was voted to refer the matter to the Management Improvement Committee, whose chairman is Director Al Long. This group was authorized to prepare rules and regulations governing future relations between GVHC and the Greenbelt Realty Company.

Tree Removals Abolished

Effective immediately, the Board voted to abolish GVHC members' privilege of requesting tree removal for a \$10 fee. Frank Kriby, chairman of the Maintenance committee, announced that this arrangement was a "losing proposition" for GVHC since most of the tree-cutting jobs cost the corporation much more than the \$10 fee. He added, however, that GVHC would continue to remove, at no charge, trees that endanger life, limb, property, or efficient sewerage.

Less Maintenance, Same Fee

In connection with this discussion, Elliot Bukzin said that several members had complained to him that more and more items of maintenance are being abolished by GVHC with no corresponding decrease in the maintenance charges. Webster commented that by eliminating services, GVHC is actually forestalling a rise in maintenance charges. Kriby noted that the present maintenance crew numbers one-half the force that operated under PHA "and is doing a better job."

Object To Charge

GVHC member Benjamin Abramovitz, 3-L Eastway, appeared at the board meeting to lodge a personal complaint about the high heating charge for the studio room he recently added to his home. According to his figures, the extra charge for the one room amounts to \$45 per year, or \$7.50 per month for the average six-months heating season.

India Missionary Speaks At Community Church

Mrs. Lov Long, who with her husband has spent 18 years in India as a missionary, will speak at both services this Sunday at Community Church.

The Longs have been stationed at the Congregational-Christian Mission, Nagpada Neighborhood House, Bombay, India. This pioneer social settlement was opened in February 1927.

The board agreed that the additional expense appeared high, but Campbell pointed out that the studio's cubic space was one-fifth that of the rest of the house and therefore should be charged for at the rate of one fifth the heating charge for the entire house. The problem was taken under advisement, with Webster commenting that GVHC should investigate the possibility of separating hot water cost from heating cost.

Tests To Save Oil?

Bukzin, chairman of Utilities Committee, informed the Board that the GVHC heating system was being put in tip-top shape before submitting it to a comprehensive series of tests by a private engineer in an effort to control or lower oil fuel bills. Three No. 17 duplex houses will be used in the tests, also to include a complete check of the boilers with special gauges.

Boundary Extensions

The board recognized requests from several GVHC members for permission to extend their boundaries for fencing purposes or for other reasons. Individual requests will be referred to the Grounds Committee and that group will then make its recommendation to management. The member will agree to maintain the land but the Board will retain the option of recalling the use of the land, if necessary.

Hans Jorgensen, head of the Home and Grounds Committee, brought up the suggestion of eliminating the GVHC grounds maintenance operation altogether and contracting with the city to do the job. This idea was referred to management for study.

Other Actions

In other actions the Board: (1) changed the dates of the next six board meetings to avoid conflict with holidays. New dates will be November 5 and 19, December 3 and 17, January 14 and 28.

(2) contributed up to \$15 to help defray expenses of the Community Festival for Teachers on November 21, and set up an advertising display at that affair.

(3) decided to man a phone at GVHC office during any future hurricanes or severe storms, to take emergency calls about fallen trees and other destruction. Campbell announced that "Hazel" had destroyed many trees, broken shingles, and blown over a brick wall behind the GVHC office. The wall will be replaced with a chain link fence.

(4) heard a statement by Attorney Chasanow that a ruling from Internal Revenue Service would be forthcoming within 90 days, covering the responsibility of GVHC members regarding tax payments included in their monthly charges.

Following the board meeting, the board of the Greenbelt Land Improvement Company met, and decided to write to Peoples Development Company pointing out that, at present, it appears that GLIC will not have the funds necessary to make regular payments at the end of the year to PHA and to PDC. (If that eventuality should come, GLIC stated in its letter, it is requesting the necessary funds to carry the vacant land, and to assist the Greenbelt Community Builders in furthering its cooperative housing developments.

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GCA Looks At Vandalism

Juvenile vandalism, while not quite as serious as juvenile delinquency, is bad enough. Unfortunately, it is not a new problem in Greenbelt, but this time, according to the story in this week's *News Review*, it appears to involve wholesale destruction. We must applaud the Greenbelt Citizens Association not only for providing a forum where the situation could be aired but also for taking active steps to investigate the matter. GCA, just now beginning its second year of renewed operations, should feel complimented that the problem was brought to them.

The GCA committee which has been handed the specific task of examining the incident has an unenviable job to do. Nevertheless, we believe it should meet the basic problem head on, and we might suggest a two-fold attack. First, ways and means should be developed to prevent future occurrences of this kind. Perhaps neighbors in the area, or any area vulnerable to vandalism, might be alerted to be more watchful and to report immediately to the police any suspicious actions. The police themselves, who probably have some helpful ideas, should be consulted since they are bound to have an intimate knowledge of the problem as well as a realistic viewpoint.

Second, every attempt should be made to discover the identity of the culprits involved, not for the purpose of prosecuting them but in order to inform their parents. Dad and mother (aided perhaps by brother and sister) are the only ones who can really solve the problems of juvenile vandalism by teaching their children to respect the property of others. We believe that most Greenbelt parents, once convinced of the guilt of their offspring, will take firm steps to correct the destructive actions of their youngsters.

Lutherans To Observe Reformation Sunday

Members of Greenbelt Lutheran Church will observe the Reformation Festival with a choral service entitled "God is our Refuge and Strength." This choral service will be presented on Reformation Day, Sunday, October 31. The service will begin at 11 a.m. The Reformation Sermon will be delivered by the Rev. E. H. Birner, pastor of the congregation. There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.

After the service members and friends are invited to have lunch together at the church. At 2:30 p.m. the members will leave for Lisner Auditorium to attend a Reformation Rally. A car caravan will form at the church. The local Sunday School children will participate in a mass children's chorus. Dr. O. A. Geisemann of River Forest, Ill., is the festival speaker.

This year also marks the 425th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's Catechism. The Catechism is a book of questions and answers used as a text book in Lutheran churches to teach children the chief parts of Christian doctrine. The Catechism will be the theme for the Rally at Lisner Auditorium.

Senior Youths Plan Week-End Retreat

The Senior High Fellowship of Community Church will hold a week-end planning retreat this week at Camp Rapidan, Virginia. Miss Sharon Romer is president of the youth group and the planning committee includes Mrs. Dorothy Pehl, counselor; Stanley Edwards, Jr., Jo Shaeffer, Sondra Hufendick, Pete Bowman, and Phil Guidry. Adult counselors going with the young people include Mrs. Bettie Denson, Church School superintendent; Harold Hufendick and Bruce Bowman, counselors. Rev. and Mrs. Braund will be present for the Saturday opening of the retreat.

Regular Sunday evening meetings at 7 p.m. will be resumed next week.

Chest Reports Total Of \$530 From Families

Total residential contributions to the Community Chest drive in Greenbelt amounted to \$530.43, according to Mrs. James Flynn, general chairman of the drive for Greenbelt. Returns from business sources have not yet been tabulated.

Captain for Area 1, Mrs. Al Long, turned in \$94, the largest amount collected in any area; while Mrs. Edward Castaldi turned in the largest collection for any court in Greenbelt—\$32.40 from the 11 Court of Ridge.

Mrs. Flynn wishes to express her sincere thanks to the *News Review* for its excellent coverage and to Mrs. Vernon Backstrom, chairman of publicity for the Drive, as well as to all captains, lieutenants and contributors who made the Community Chest Drive in Greenbelt such an outstanding success.

While workers strove to contact every home in Greenbelt, in case any one was missed, his contribution will still be collected if he will telephone Mrs. Flynn at GRanite 3291.

Abe Chasanow phoned to tell us that he had waived his commission on the house sold by GVHC, on which he had signed an exclusive contract, as soon as his client had informed him what had happened. We're not surprised that he took such action, and we're sure that the GVHC board felt he would. However, the situation of the rivalry between the GVHC sales staff and the Greenbelt Realty Co. appears to be more of a serious problem than we had realized. There is definitely an undercurrent of antagonism there, although we're not prepared to say at this time where the main source is.

Certainly the GVHC board should examine this situation more closely than it has in the past. Perhaps the policies and methods of its sales staff need to be overhauled, or perhaps Chasanow's dual role as GVHC general counsel and head of Greenbelt Realty is an improper arrangement that causes tension and trouble. Both possibilities should be carefully and objectively investigated by the GVHC board before the situation worsens to the point of causing general ill-will.

Last week we referred briefly to the recent moving of the Youth Center from the old "Drop Inn" wooden building to the Community Building (Center School). We learned that the sum of \$700 had been spent to make this move, so we checked with City Manager McDonald to find out what made the move so expensive. His reasonable explanation was that the money which came from the Youth Center fund in the budget, was not only used for moving expenses but also to buy additional equipment for the new location. This included such items as ping-pong tables and equipment, shuffleboard paraphernalia, and additional loudspeakers for the juke box.

McDonald also revealed that there is no intention of allowing the teen-agers to monopolize the use of the building. When other Greenbelt organizations and activities have major events which require the use of the building on Saturday night, an outdoor event for the teenagers, such as a hayride, will be arranged so that both groups can be accommodated.

The city manager also noted that attendance is increasing at the new Youth Center and that closer supervision is now possible. This means that there is less chance of a recurrence of those unpleasant incidents in the past when a few youngsters have thought it smart to slip off for a few swigs at a bottle. Any teen-ager who does things like this doesn't deserve the privileges of the Youth Center.

Generally speaking, however, our teen-agers indulge in harmless fads. In fact, once in a while they even make sense. The *New York Times* informs of us a new fad in the Middle West whereby teenage girls spend their evenings in a frenzy of letter writing—not to faraway boy friends but to their dearest chums, whom they have seen all day and will see again tomorrow. Seems that their parents cracked down on those endless telephone calls every evening. The girls have to have an outlet for their thoughts and gossip, and they also discovered that there is more privacy in a letter than there is over the family's living room telephone. Anyway, here's an idea for all you persecuted parents.

Letters To The Editor

Due to an unprecedented turnout for the St. Hugh's Sodality Dance held Friday, October 22 in the American Legion Hall which was filled to capacity, and to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, we regret that it was impossible to accommodate everyone who came to the dance. We wish to thank you for your patience and understanding in this unfortunate circumstance.

Our very special thanks to the American Legion, the advertisers, and the numerous workers who helped to make this social event such an outstanding success.

Gratefully,

The Committee in Charge of St. Hugh's Sodality Dance.

The Editor's Notebook

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
GRanite 3-5911

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for children and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 11 o'clock Mass is a High Mass sung by St. Hugh's Choir. Feast of Christ the King. Religious instructions for Catholic children enrolled in public schools each Sunday after the 8:30 Mass in St. Hugh's school.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Monday, November 1: All Saints Day - a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. Masses at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 2: All Souls Day - Masses at 6:30, 7:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Miraculous Medal Novena at 8 p.m., followed by Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday, November 4: Confessions in the afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock and in the evening from 7:30 to 8:30, in preparation for First Friday.

Friday, November 5: First Friday of the Month - Mass at 7 a.m. Holy Communion is distributed before and during the Mass. Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart after the Mass at 7 a.m.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

North End School

Stanley F. Knock, Jr., Minister
42-L Ridge Road - Phone 9410

Sunday, October 31 - 9:30 a.m., Sunday School service. Classes for all ages. Herbert Irvin, superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning worship, conducted by Rev. Knock. Sermon entitled "It Does Matter." The Sacrament of Baptism will be given. A nursery is provided for the smaller children.

Sunday, October 31 - 6 p.m., Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at the Bailey residence, 21-P Ridge Road.

Monday, November 1 - 8 p.m., W.S.C.S. monthly meeting, room 225, Center School.

Tuesday, November 2 - 9:30-11:30 a.m., Missionary Study Course on India, Pakistan and Ceylon at the fellowship hall of the Community Church, led by Mrs. Knock. A nursery will be provided for younger children.

Wednesday, November 4 - 8 p.m., Adult study course, room 225, Center School.

Thursday, November 4 - 8 p.m., Choir rehearsal, room 122, Center School.

HEBREW SERVICES

Hebrew services will be held Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Home Economics room of the Center School. For the present, services are conducted by the members. Candle-lighting time is at 4:50 p.m. this week.

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Signed RUSSELL GREENBAUM, Editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of October, 1954.
HENRY BRAUTIGAM.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.,
Acting Pastor

4 Woodland Way, GR. 4-9242

Sunday, October 31 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, John S. Stewart, superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning worship, sermon by Dr. Wm. J. Crowder. A nursery is maintained during all services. 6 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship, meeting in five units - for entire family. 6:43 p.m., Evening worship, sermon - "The Radical Man," fifth in series "Types of Men Jesus Won."

Thursday, November 4 - 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service, room 222, Center School. Study Course, the book "One to Eight." 9 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Friday, November 4 - 4 p.m., Junior choir rehearsal, arts and crafts room, Center School.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers

A. Elizabeth Goetze
Minister of Music

Friday, October 29: 7-8:30 p.m., Halloween Party for Kindergarten and Primary Departments of Church School, Social Hall. 9 p.m., Halloween Party for Junior Highs, Fellowship Center.

Sunday, October 31: Morning Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Special guest speaker, Mrs. Loy Long, director of the Nagpada Neighborhood House in Bombay, India, at both services. St. Cecilia Choir at 9. Special Reformation Day music at 11: Chancel Choir singing, Bach's "A mighty fortress," and "Awake, my heart's beloved, Thou Christian Church most dear, And hear the noblest music, God's Word so pure and clear" which Hans Sachs wrote in 1525 for Martin Luther. Mrs. Edna White, soprano soloist.

Church School as follows: 9 and 11 a.m., Nursery, Kindergarten, and Primary; 10 a.m., Junior, Junior High, Senior High, Adults; College Class in Braund's living room. 6 p.m., Junior High Fellowship. No Senior High this week because of the Retreat. 4 p.m., Christmas Committee planning meeting.

Tuesday, November 2: 12:30, Afternoon Guild.

Thursday, November 5: 8:30 p.m., Discussion Group meeting, home of Mrs. Muriel Burrows, 1-H Westway.

Sunday, November 14: 7:45 p.m., General Church Church Council.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone: GRanite 4-9200

Friday, October 29: 8 p.m., Cottage meeting for members at the church.

Sunday, October 31: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all age groups. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 11 a.m., A choral service for the Reformation Festival, "God is our Refuge and Strength." The Reformation sermon will be delivered by the pastor. There will be no 8:30 a.m. service. Visitors are always welcome.

2:30 p.m., Members leave from the church to attend the Reformation Rally at Lisner Auditorium. Dr. O. A. Geisemann of River Forest, Ill., is the speaker.

Monday, November 1: 8 p.m., The Lydia Guild meets at the church.

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Home Rule Affects 145 Towns In State

(Ed. Note. This is another in a series of articles pertaining to the Municipal Home Rule Constitutional Amendment which will be on the ballot on November 2. The articles are prepared by the Maryland Municipal League.)

"If the resident of Baltimore City and of unincorporated areas in Maryland vote to adopt the Municipal Home Rule Amendment to the Constitution of Maryland on November 2, they will not only be helping the residents of the incorporated municipalities achieve something they have wanted for years, they will also be helping themselves," stated Mayor Russell P. Smith, Jr. of Cambridge, President of the Maryland Municipal League, yesterday. The Amendment mentioned by Mayor Smith applied to the 145 incorporated cities and towns in the State, but not to Baltimore City or the twenty-three county governments.

Adoption of the Municipal Home Rule Amendment would curtail the use of local legislation by the Maryland General Assembly and would give the cities and towns of Maryland the authority to adopt and amend their own charters. At the present time, all the laws which govern each municipality are passed as special bills by the General Assembly. Of the 785 laws passed by the General Assembly in 1953, approximately one-fourth were local laws pertaining to one municipality.

"The legislators in Annapolis would be relieved of the burden of enacting individual laws for each of 145 municipalities in the State," said Mayor Smith. "According to an estimate made by the Commission on Administrative Organization of the State, municipal home rule would result in a twenty percent reduction in the workload of the General Assembly."

"The legislators which Marylanders elect and send to Annapolis would be able to spend this additional time considering issues and problems which affect the whole state. The residents of Baltimore City and of the unincorporated areas would therefore benefit because the members of the General Assembly could devote more of their time to matters which concern these areas directly and to statewide issues."

Mayor Smith also said, "The strengthening of the government of the State of Maryland and the additional time legislators would spend on state-wide issues are the direct benefits which the people of Baltimore City and the unincorporated areas would receive from the adoption of the Municipal Home Rule Amendment. The strengthening of municipal governments in Maryland would be an indirect benefit."

"The responsibility for the governing of the cities and towns would rest within the incorporated areas, not with the delegates in the General Assembly. The residents of a municipality would have more authority over their local government, and thus more interest in it. Strengthened municipal government with increased citizen participation undeniably would benefit all Marylanders."

"The municipal officials of Maryland have long sought municipal home rule," stated Mayor Smith. "We of the Maryland Municipal League hope that the vot-

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'Great Books' Group Organized Locally

An informal meeting was held Wednesday evening, October 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Reeves, 2-C Eastway, to plan a program of reading the great books as listed by a University of Chicago foundation. All Greenbelters interested in reading and discussing these books informally are invited to begin with a discussion of the Declaration of Independence and the following excerpts from the Bible: I Kings 21 and 2 Samuel 11, 12, at the Reeves home at 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 3.

Bore Yourself To Sleep

The dog, the cat, the baby in the crib—how do they spend most of their time? Sleeping. It's so easy for them to drop off anywhere, anytime. Then why can't you sleep whenever you wish? It's probably because you're so intelligent.

It was quite an achievement when man got smart enough to stay awake two thirds of the time. New born infants, like the lower animals, wake only when stimulated by hunger, pain, fear, or some other primitive urge. When their needs are satisfied, they go back to sleep. As the brain develops, the baby becomes more and more aware of what goes on around him. There are many more sensations to keep him awake. And when he becomes an adult with a fully developed brain, life can be so very stimulating that sometimes he just can't sleep.

The type of insomnia that afflicts almost everyone once in a while results from over-stimulation. You get into a political discussion, and when you go to bed you lie awake thinking up perfect arguments. Or you have an important job to do tomorrow, and you worry about how you'll do it. Or you are in a strang bed. Or you drank too much strong coffee.

If you have trouble getting to sleep, try boring yourself. An occasional evening with dull company or a dull book will be helpful. Take a cup of warm milk or similar innocuous beverage before retiring. Establish a bedtime routine of insignificant chores to slow down the activity of your brain. Music may help, if it pleasant but uninteresting. Be sure not to confuse annoyance with boredom. People or things that annoy you are stimulating rather than soporific.

The main thing is to get into the habit of sleeping. There's no need to worry about losing sleep occasionally, but chronic insomnia is very serious and may require a doctor's help.

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ers in the unincorporated areas and the voters in Baltimore City will support the Municipal Home Rule Amendment at the polls on November 2 because of the benefits that its adoption will bring them as well as benefits that will result for their neighbors in the incorporated areas of Maryland."

The Maryland Municipal League is the association of incorporated cities and towns in Maryland through which the municipal officials have worked to bring the need for the proposed amendment to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and other state leaders.

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NEWS REVIEW

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The Long View

by A. C. Long

I wonder if folks realize how difficult it is to think of something to write about each week what with the Hatch Act ruling out politics and the editor's censorship policy cutting out any mention of our big advertisers or certain other big shots around town. Of course, there's one natural question, why write at all? But I have my regular readers—I always read this column and enjoy it and Pat always reads it also. Then there are those who don't read it and seem to enjoy that, too.

Now this week I was going to write about dogs in Greenbelt, but I can't, because they are now a political issue. Poor dogs, leading a dog's life, didn't know when they were well off before they got into politics.

I can't write about Europe or the

Use Different Wax For Various Floors

Floors add to the overall impression one gets from a room. That's one reason why a homemaker likes a clean sparkling floor.

One cleaning product that helps keep floors bright is wax. But you need to be careful in your selection of the type of wax you use.

Home management specialist Joanne Reitz, University of Maryland Extension Service, says the kind of wax you use depends upon your floor covering—whether it's linoleum, asphalt, rubber or cork tile.

Generally, waxes fall into two main types—solvent base and water base waxes.

Solvent base waxes have a solvent added to keep them pliable. You can recognize them by their tell-tale naptha or gasoline odor. These waxes must be polished.

Paste wax, the most common type of solvent base wax, takes more elbow grease to apply. However, this wax gives excellent protection. In this same group are cream and liquid waxes which have the added feature of cleaning and waxing at the same time.

The second type, water base wax, is the "self polishing" kind. It's easy to apply and contains no solvent.

You can use either of these types of wax on linoleum, says Miss Reitz. However, before applying them, make sure that your linoleum is clean and rinsed free of the soap or detergent you might have used. You can't apply wax freely if the floor isn't soap free.

If you have a rubber or asphalt tile floor, use only water base wax. A solvent base wax will damage the tile.

Cork tile should be first finished with a penetrating seal, and then either a water base or a solvent base wax may be used.

Remember to apply the wax you select according to the manufacturer's directions.

To make your wax job last as long as possible, give your floor an occasional damp mopping. Avoid using soaps or detergents, too often. They tend to soften the wax and make it smeary. Oiled dust clothes also tend to soften the wax, and they leave the surface gummy.

For daily care, use a vacuum cleaner, broom, brush or untreated dust mop.

cost of foreign travel, because a certain Mr. Big Advertiser is galivanting around over there. The advertising manager insists that at the mere mention of his name we tip our hat. After all, he did boycott us very successfully once before. A story about Maryland University, our neighboring seat of knowledge, is taboo, because now it's a campaign issue. Any comment about certain councilmen talking out of both sides of their mouths at once—reducing taxes and raising salaries—is also verboten by the editor.

Women's shorts are no longer interesting. Well—yes, they're interesting, but out of season now. Can't boost the U.N. without disturbing the American Legion. Praise the Legion and the Girl Scouts are after you with six dozen cookies to buy. Pat a Girl Scout on the head and you're liable to be investigated.

You can't write about new houses all the time when none are being built. Oh, it's awfully boring with the trash men so quiet, the maintenance men working hard, the police on their toes (when they are not sitting in their cars), and the editor with a big blue pencil. I'm afraid Greenbelt is getting to be just a little old town in Maryland, not like the old days when she was young and gay and lively.

Welcome to our new editor, Russell Greenbaum. We have agreed to continue our policy of cold war co-existence. I'll tolerate him and he'll tolerate me. Of course, he has the blue pencil.

Don't forget to vote! Vote Democratic; vote Republican; or split your ticket. But by all means, vote. And tell your wife how to vote, too. That is one thing they neglected to do when women got the vote—allowing husband and wife in the voting booth together. Just think of all the excitement and fun it would create, and a few black eyes too, no doubt.

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Local 135-Pounders Triumph Away 59-0

By E. DonBullian

The Greenbelt Boys Club 135 lb. football team travelled to Suitland last Sunday and brought home a 59-0 victory over the Maryland Merchants. They played fast aggressive football against a much heavier team. The lighter Greenbelt line outchaged their opponents and did not allow them a single first down. They also batted down every forward pass except two which they intercepted. The line was the big factor in the size of the score. Comproni, B. Davis, B. Fern and Petroff played well. L. Davis was a "bad boy." He sat out most of the game. The backfield play was flawless. Tom Canning and Bruce Ball quarterbacked the team exceptionally well and had complete control of the game at all times.

After last week's listless game in which the lack of team work was quite evident, this Sunday's game was a revelation; the boys got together as a team and carried out all their assignments besides playing heads-up football all afternoon. Coach Bill Sauls and Don Wilson, his aid, can well be proud of the boys and the work they have done in developing a well coordinated football team.

With six of the boys making direct contributions, the scoring went as follows:

1. Ronnie Brooks took a handoff and raced 30 yards for the first score. He also kicked the extra point.

2. Not to be outdone, John Lewis took another handoff and reeled off 40 yards for his touchdown.

3. Butch Davis recovery of a Merchant fumble on the 17 followed by a pitch out to Lewis drove the ball down to the 2. Tom Canning took it over on an option play. Brooks kicked the extra point.

4. Dave Fern's type of football paid off, going into the end zone he saw a football, grabbed it and came up with a touchdown. Incidentally, a Merchant player was holding the ball that Fern "appropriated".

5. A screen pass from Tom Canning to Brooks covered 35 yards for a touchdown. Good team work.

6. An indication of the kind of football that John Thrift played all afternoon was his tackle of a Merchant back in the end zone for a safety and 2 points.

7. John Lewis on a reverse stepped out of bounds on the one from where Brooks took it over for his third touchdown.

8. On a sustained drive from midfield, Lewis covered the last six yards on a handoff for his second score.

9. Mike Canning on a reverse, with excellent deception, broke through Center and covered 20 yards for the touchdown. Good broken field running.

10. John Thrift's interception of a desperate pass in the closing moments of the game resulted in another touchdown. With the aid of some excellent blocking, Thrift pounded away for 60 yards and a touchdown. The boys were really on their toes on this one.

Vacancies Expected In Kindergartens

It is reported that there will be a vacancy in both the North End and Center Kindergartens in a month. Anyone interested is requested to contact Mrs. A. Gilbert at 9357 for the Center School, and Mrs. A. Chotiner at 4521 for the North End School.

Jane Volckhausen, one of Greenbelt's two representatives to the Prince Georges County Federation of Co-op Nursery and Kindergarten Schools, was elected president of that group at the last meeting. The other representative is Marianna Schmidt.

Kindergarten mothers will be notified of a meeting to be held in early December at which time Miss Beardsley, supervisor of all the Prince Georges County kindergartens, will speak to the mothers. Anne Mitchell is the new treasurer, replacing Ruth Newman.

Landover Team Beats Greenbelt, 19-0

In a well-played football game the Landover Hills 120-pounders defeated the Greenbelt Boys Club 19-0 at Braden Field last Saturday. The local boys were not only outweighted, but were playing against a team that was well-coached and played a very aggressive brand of football. Their aggressiveness at times bordered on roughness, for which they were penalized a number of times. In fact, two of the boys were ejected from the game for unnecessary roughness. At one stage of the game the referee reprimanded the visitors for their roughness.

Landover Hills earned their first score with a sustained drive of 40 yards for a touchdown. The second touchdown was a gift by Greenbelt when they fumbled on their own 3-yard line. Landover Hills recovered and after 3 attempts went over for the score. The last touchdown was the result of an 85-yard runback of an intercepted pass. A drop kick made it 19-0.

Offensively, Coach Link's boys could not get started; it seemed as if the opposing line was playing in the Greenbelt backfield. Landover Hills appeared to be getting the jump on the local boys all afternoon. The occasional offensive outbursts by Greenbelt were quite ineffective and rather short in duration.

Canning and Markowich played excellent defensive football with McGlothlin making a spectacular tackle now and then.

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Tax Talk

(Ed. Note: The following is an informal analysis of the tax problem in Greenbelt, written by our city council reporter.)

By I. J. Parker

Our city's tax rate has assumed tremendous importance because of its apparent effect on new development in the community. Residents hoping to build new homes in Greenbelt are experiencing great difficulty securing loans, they say, because the tax rate imposes an addition to the monthly payments which makes it a hardship for persons with moderate income.

Assessments made by the county assessor on real property become the basis for taxation in Greenbelt. If a house cost \$14,000 to build, it is taxed at 55 per cent of its value or \$7700. If the tax rate is \$2.14, the yearly taxes amount to \$164.78 a year or \$13.73 a month. The county and state taxes add an additional amount; \$1.98 for the county and .11 for the state. (This makes a total county tax of \$152.46 a year for the \$14,000 home or \$12.70 a month, and a total of state tax of \$8.47 a year or .70 a month). Add them all together and you get \$27.13 a month for taxes. Oh, also add .03 for the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission. That makes it \$27.32, or \$327.84 a year.

An average old Greenbelt home costing \$6,000 which is appraised at \$3300 and taxed at total city, county, state and NCPC tax rate of \$4.26, equals \$140.59 a year or \$11.70 a month.

If my figures are right, a person building an average new home must pay way over twice as much taxes to enjoy the privilege of living in Greenbelt.

Better Home, More Taxes

The members of Lakeside, presently most affected by the tax rate, argue that it is inequitable to pay greater taxes and enjoy the same services as other residents. In fact some "Old" Greenbelt homeowners complain about the defense home-owners' low tax burden for the same reasons. But it is apparent to all that the basis for taxation is ability to pay, and someone living in a more expensive home must expect to pay higher taxes. Also, if you don't use or enjoy the services provided, that does not excuse a citizen for paying taxes. Those not using the library cannot deduct from their taxes that por-

tion going to support the library, and those not attending public schools are still expected to pay for their support, for example.

Most residents are anxious to lower their tax payments. They realize that with more homes built, the tax burden would be spread. (However, we must realize that 500 new homes may mean 1000 children for the recreation department to care for, and other expanded services. I think that efforts must be made to lower the tax rate in order to at least begin a program of development. As the ball starts rolling, it will become increasingly easier to get loans to build, with benefits to all residents.

Must Reduce Services

The main problem that now confronts citizens is how to lower the tax rate. One solution, which I endorse, is a drastic cut in the budget. (Perhaps a "year of austerity") I believe that the municipal government is being operated as efficiently and economically as possible. The citizens can cut the budget only by doing away with some services, cutting others, and adding none. Many citizens, however, were attracted to and remain in Greenbelt because of the many fine services and are reluctant to relinquish any. Some want more. The tax burden is reasonable compared to their services, they state.

But services can be expensive. The Federal government was giving us a hint when they cut the kindergarten from the budget just prior to selling the homes. They were indicating, in their own way, that the community was enjoying special services but they had to be paid for. They were preparing us for the responsibility of operating our own city and budget.

In many areas, I believe, we can forego some services and attempt to get the same services from the county. We pay almost as much taxes to the county as we do to the city, but the city duplicates many services. How much for our

county tax dollar do we get in recreation, or parks, or police protection? Or library, or public health. We have these services and seem to be paying twice for them. It is difficult, I think, to demand services from the county commissioners when we have them already, even if we are providing them for ourselves. We would have a better chance of securing our rightful share of services if we appear before them without the services at the time. However, this is a purely personal opinion.

Budget in Preparation

At present, the city manager is preparing next year's budget. He is listing the services to be provided, and an estimate of their cost for the coming year. During the city councils deliberations of the budget, a public hearing will be held. At that time the citizens can appear before the council and make their wishes known; whether for less or more services—whatever they wish. It is an important occasion in the life of our community and everyone should attend.

Also, a committee of interested citizens has been studying the budget for the past year and is expected to make recommendations very soon.

Next week I hope to give more figures on the cost of services, with comparisons to other nearby communities.

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